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In re Application of

KEMIN INDUSTRIES, INC.

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For: METHOD OF EXTRACTING  
ANTIOXIDANTS FROM LAMIACEAE  
SPECIES AND THE EXTRACT,  
PRODUCTS THEREOF

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Sir:

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Documents for which the supplied date of publication lists the year of publication without the month were published sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date, so that the particular month of publication is not in issue. Pursuant to §609 of the MPEP, it is understood that the month of publication is not required when the particular month of publication is not in issue.

<b>Patent Number</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Inventor</b>
4,367,178	January 4, 1983	Heigel, et al.
4,490,398	December 25, 1984	Behr, et al.
5,433,949	July 18, 1995	Kahleyss, et al.
5,481,058	January 2, 1996	Blackwell, et al.
5,490,884	February 13, 1996	Robinson, et al.
5,512,285	April 30, 1996	Wilde
5,698,667	December 16, 1997	Speaks, et al.

No inferences should be drawn that the above list represents a comprehensive investigation, or that any material disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. In addition, none of the documents that have publication dates prior to the priority date of the above application anticipate the invention in this application.

The cited documents disclose numerous specific features. There has been no attempt to list each and every feature disclosed by each document. The Examiner is requested to review the documents and determine the extent of the materiality of the document disclosures with respect to the present invention.

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